THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHAMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The capacity addition target fixed for the Eighth Five Year Plan is 30537.7 MW, against which, as per the latest assessment of the Central Electricity Authority, 20729.7 MW of new generation capacity is likely to be added during this plan period. While a number of ongoing projects will be completed in the Ninth Plan, the capacity addition programme for the Ninth Plan is yet to be finalised.

(b) The suggestion made by the so-called national Working Group on Power have been duly considered. A primary reason for the shortfall in the capacity addition programme has been the inadequate availability of funds in the Government sector. To overcome it the Government has decided to associate the private sector in the development of the power sector, policy which the Government intends to continue with.

International seat capacity of Private airlines

1037. SHRI AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to allow private airlines to increase their international seat capacity to a great extent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Private airlines have been permitted to operate only on domestic routes. There is no proposal to permit them to operate on international sectors.

Loan to Al-Kabeer by IDBI

1038. SHRI K.R. MALKANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much money IDBI has loaned to Al-Kabeer;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) a complete list of IDBI's clients?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): (a) to (c) In accordance with the practices and usages customary amongst banks and in conformity with provisions of statutes governing public sector banks and financial institutions as also the provisions of Public Financial Institutions (Obligations as to Fidelity and Secrecy) Act, 1983, the information relating to individiual constituents cannot be divulged.

Fraud in Bank of Baroda Overseas

1039. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 7,000 million fraud was lately unearthed in the Bank of Baroda Overseas; and

(b) if so, whether a thorough probe has been caused by the Government, into the fraud, as reported in the Asian Age of June 30th 1995 and whether RBI authorities have been found involved in the fraud and what are the findings of the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): (a) and (b) A fraud was perpetrated on some Indian Banks including Bank of Baroda by the Letap Group of Companies operating from U.K. As far as a Bank of Baroda is concerned the amount involved was Rs. 25.24 crores. After the fraud came to the banks' notice in 1991-92, they lodged a complaint with the Serious Fraud Office (S.F.O.) of U.K. who have initiated necessary investigation in the matter. Reserve Bank of India, who have looked in the matter referred to in the